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SUMMARY: IN REPORT TO COMMONS ON NATO SUMMIT, TRUDEAU underscored continued firm and effective Canadian contribution to NATO (without defining its nature), outlined further contacts with EC in pursuit of "contractual link" (also left undefined) and reaffirmed continued strong Canadian basket three position in CSCE. END SUMMARY

1. ON JUNE 2 PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU REPORTED TO COMMONS ON NATO SUMMIT AND CONTACTS HE HAD IN FURTHERANCE OF "CONTRACTUAL LINK" WITH EC. PERTINENT PORTIONS FOLLOW:

QUOTE: THIS MEETING GAVE ME AN OPPORTUNITY TO EMPHASIZE TO OUR NATO ALLIES THAT IT IS IN THE INTEREST OF THE ALLIANCE AND IN THE INTEREST OF CANADIANS THAT OUR POLITICAL ADHERENCE TO NATO REMAIN FIRM AND THAT OUR MILITARY CONTRIBUTION REMAIN EFFECTIVE. BY EFFECTIVE, I MEAN BOTH COST-EFFECTIVE AND MILITARY-EFFECTIVE. THE PURPOSE OF THE (CURRENT GOC) DEFENCE STRUCTURE REVIEW IS TO ENSURE THAT THOSE GOALS ARE MET. I MAY SAY THAT THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE CANADIAN ARMED FORCES IN EUROPE IS HIGHLY PRIZED. THE PROFESSIONALISM OF OUR TROOPS AND AIRMEN IS RECOGNIZED BY EACH MEMBER OF THE ALLIANCE, AND IT WAS IMPRESSED UPON ME BY SOME OF MY NATO COLLEAGUES HOW DISAPPOINTED THEY WOULD BE SHOULD ANY STEPS TO LESSEN THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE CANADIAN MILITARY CONTRIBUTION.

DURING THE COURSE OF THE MEETING I PROPOSED THAT THERE BE MORE FREQUENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR HEADS OF GOVERNMENT TO CONSULT WITH ONE ANOTHER AND THAT THIS OPPORTUNITY SHOULD PERMIT CONSULTATIONS OF AN INFORMAL KIND FOR THESE, IN MY EXPERIENCE, WERE OF GREAT VALUE. I USED THE COMMONWEALTH HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEETING EXPERIENCE AS AN EXAMPLE AS I PUT FORWARD THIS PROPOSAL.

I AM HAPPY TO REPORT THAT THE SUGGESTION WAS TAKEN UP IN POSITIVE TERMS IMMEDIATELY BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND BY THE CHANCELLOR OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY. DURING THE ENSUING DISCUSSION, BY FAR THE GREATER NUMBER OF COUNTRIES INDICATED THEIR UNCLASSIFIED

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INTEREST IN THE IDEA.

I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY IN BRUSSELS TO MEET ON A BILATERAL BASIS WITH PRESIDENT FORD AND SEVERAL OTHER HEADS OF GOVERNMENTS. THE MEETING ALSO ALLOWED ME TO MEET THE PRESIDENT AND TWO OF THE VICE-PRESIDENTS OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY, WITH WHOM I TALKED RATHER EXTENSIVELY ABOUT THE FORMAL SUPPORT THE COMMISSION GAVE TO THE

CANADIAN PROPOSAL ON THE ESTABLISHEMENT OF A CONTRACT AGREEMENT WITH THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY. WITH THE SAME OBJECTIVE IN VIEW, I ALSO WENT TO DENMARK AND TO LUXEMBOURG. BOTH VISITS COMPLETED THE SERIES OF DISCUSSIONS I HAD IN THE CAPITALS WITH THE HEADS OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF ALL THE MEMBER COUNTRIES OF THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY. DURING THESE VISITS, I COULD EXPLAIN THAT CANADA WAS WILLING TO NEGOTIATE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF OFFICIAL RELATIONS WITH THE COMMUNITY; IN RETURN, I RECEIVED THE ASSURANCE THAT THE MATTER IS BEING CONSIDERED FAVOURABLY. DURING MY DISCUSSIONS WITH THE CHIRMAN OF THE COMMISSION, I WAS INFORMED THAT THE COMMUNITY WILL OPEN AN OFFICE IN OTTAWA BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR. UNQUOTE

2. IN RESPONSE, LEADER OF OPPOSITION STANFIELD OBSERVED THAT THERE IS NO DOUBT ABOUT NATO RESPECT FOR QUALITY OF CANADIAN TROOPS BUT ADDED "I THINK THERE IS A GOOD DEAL OF DOUBT ABOUT THE WAY IN WHICH OUR TROOPS ARE EQUIPPED." HE ADDED THAT RECENT STATEMENTS BY DEFENSE MINISTER RICHARDSON MADE GOC POSITION CONCERNING CANADIAN CONTRIBUTION TO NATO "RATHER AMBIGUOUS." A SITUATION TURDEAU'S STATEMENT FAILED TO CLARIFY. REFERRING TO PRIMIN'S STATEMENT THAT NATO ALLIES WOULD BE DISAPPOINTED SHOULD ANY CANADIAN GOVERNMENT TAKE STEPS TO LESSEN EFFECTIVENESS OF CANADIAN MILITARY CONTRIBUTION TO NATO, STANFIELD STATED "I HOPE IT IS NOT UNSPORTING OF ME TO REMIND THE RIGHT HON. GENTLEMAN THAT THAT IS ONE OF THE FIRST THINGS HE DID AFTER TAKING OFFICE." STANFIELD FOUND CURIOUS TRUDEAU'S SUDDEN INTEREST IN REGULAR NATO SUMMITS GIVEN HIS DOUBTS PRIOR TO RECENT SUMMIT OF USEFULNESS OF SUCH MEETINGS. REFERRING TO THE CONTRACTUAL LINK, WHICH HE TERMED "THE UNCLASSIFIED

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MISSING LINK." STANFIELD ASKED PRIMIN TO CLARIFY WHAT HE MEANS BY IT AND ALSO ASKED IF HE HAD OPPORTUNITY OF DISCUSSING WITH FRENCH PRESIDENT FRANCE'S ATTITUDE THERETO. STANFILED CONCLUDED WITH QUESTION WHETHER PRIMIN HAD DISCUSSED DETENTE WITH COLLEAGUES, PARTICULARLY QUESTION OF FREE MOVEMENT OF PEOPLES, SINCE IT WOULD BE MOST UNFORTUNATE IF DETENTE WERE NEGOTIATED INVOLVING LIMITATIONS ON TROOPS AND APPROVAL OF STATUS QUO IF LATTER MADE IMPLICIT ACCEPTANCE BY WEST OF VERY RESTRICTED MOVEMENT OF PEOPLES NOW PERMITTED IN USSR.

3. REPLYING, TURDUEA DODGED SPECIFICS ON FUTURE CANADIAN NATO CONTRIBUTION, STATING "THE CANADIAN POSITION IS THAT WE ARE NOW CONDUCTING A STUDY ABOUT THE MOST EFFICIENT COURSE FOR OUR CONTRIBUTION TO NATO. SO IT IS POSSIBLE

WE MAY CHANGE THE METHODS OF PARTICIPATION. BUT IN SO FAR AS THE FUNDS, OUR POLITICAL AND MILITARY INVOLVEMENT IN NATO AND INSOFAR AS OUR DESIRE TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR MILITARY PARTICIPATION IS MAINTAINED, AT LEAST AT THE PRESENT LEVEL, I DID NOT LEAVE ANY DOUBTS AND I GAVE THE ASSURANCE ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA THAT THAT WOULD BE OUR WAY OF PARTICIPATING." HE NOTED THAT EC COMMISSION HAS NOW AGREED WITH GOC ON TERMS OF REFERENCE WHICH COULD BE BASIS OF AGREEMENT "GIVING FORM AND SUBSTANCE TO THE CONTRACTUAL LINK," WHICH HE DID NOT FURTHER DEFINE. HAVING SAT ACROSS TEN-FOOT WIDE TABLE FROM FRENCH PRESIDENT, TRUDEAU WAS UNABLE GET HIS THINKING ON CONTRACTUAL LINK, BUT NOTED THAT SUBJECT LIKELY TO BE DISCUSSED IN COMING WEEKS DURING VISITS TO CANADA BY FRENCH MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND MINISTER OF STATE PONIATOWSKI. ON DETENTE, HE NOTED STRONG CANADIAN POSITION ON BASKET THREE FOR WHICH THERE GROWING SUPPORT.

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